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To: Water Policy Interim Committee
From: Jason Mohr, committee staff
Re: June 1-2 committee meeting

Greetings new and returning committee members,

The June 1-2 meeting begins at 1 p.m. in room 172 of the State Capitol. Enclosed are the meeting materials, which are also posted online at www.leg.mt.gov/water.

Enclosures include:

- A draft agenda
- Minutes from the October 2014 WPIC meeting
- Draft committee rules
- A list of natural resource-related bills from the 2015 Legislative session
- A history of WPIC presiding officers
- A draft committee work plan, which include organization charts, descriptions of agency programs.
- A work plan decision matrix, which will help you determine committee priorities and staff workload.
- Copies of Senate Bill 82 and Senate Joint Resolution 2, which affect the committee's scope and work.
- A memo regarding review of statutorily required reports and advisory councils.
- Graphic representations of the state's water outlook.
- An update of the water rights adjudication process from the Department of Natural Resources and Conservation and the Montana Water Court.
- An annual report from the Ground Water Investigation Program at the Montana Bureau of Mines and Geology.
- A memo from Helen Thigpen, committee attorney and from the Legal Services Office, regarding a lawsuit over the water rights settlement with the Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes.

Please let me know if you have any questions. Otherwise, I look forward to seeing you at the beginning of June.

Sincerely,

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